

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

GRANDSTAFF *CG*

ROKOSCH *GR*

THOMPSON *AT*

CHILCOTT *gc*

DRISCOLL *WD*

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Members Present..... Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff,
Commissioner Jim Rokosch, Commissioner Greg Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen
Driscoll

Date.....September 29, 2008

Minutes: Beth Perkins

Commissioner Chilcott was not present at this meeting.

► The Board met for a discussion and decision of the CBM contract for Detention food service with Lt. Cathy Powell. Cathy gave an overview and stated the contract is for an extension until 2013. She stated currently they are locked in at 3.8% CPI until March 2009. It will go up to 4.5% after 2009 but it will be locked in until 2013.

Commissioner Rokosch made a motion to adopt the CBM contract for Detention food service extension until 2013. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.

► Commissioner Rokosch attended an evaluation meeting for applicant Sandra Hill with Clerk & Recorder, Civil Counsel and Planning Staff.

► The Board met for the following administrative matters: Commissioner Grandstaff met with Internal Auditor Klarryse Murphy and the Planning Department to discuss budget issues and was not present for this portion of the meeting.

- **Approval of MSU Extension Agent Salary:** Katelyn Anderson was present for this meeting. Katelyn reviewed the salary amount with the Board and the budget for Extension. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to accept the salary request as written within the Budget. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.**

- **Resolution No. 2286 for sale/junk of vehicle:** Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2286 for disposal of a vehicle for Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.
 - **Daly Leach Indigent Burial request:** Tom Grymes from Daly-Leach Chapel requested \$798 for indigent burial for Jennifer Owens due to her family's inability to pay for burial. Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve indigent burial request in the amount of \$798. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.
 - **Review of Aspen Springs RFP:** Interim Director Renee Lemon was present for this meeting. Renee gave an overview for the RFP and requested a review committee for the proposals. The Board concurred with Renee for a review committee as long as it does not slow down the process. Renee suggested adding a statement of no conflict of interest in the RFP. The Board gave consensus for Renee to move forward.
 - **Approval of WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor grant:** Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor grant. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.
 - **Approval of Amendment to Easement Policy:** Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2287 for the Amendment to the Easement Policy. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.
- The Board met for a discussion of legislative issues that are county concerns to be brought forth to Legislators. Commissioner Grandstaff gave an overview of the Board requesting a legislative agenda for this year. She stated this is intended to be a brainstorming session with Department Heads with a deadline of this Friday.
- County Attorney George Corn presented a couple of proposals to the Board and then reviewed them. He suggested making the State responsible for DPHHS abuse and neglect cases. It is done by State law however it is paid by the County. George suggested making the State responsible for jail costs in two areas: payment for 72 hour holds ordered by probation officers and incarceration costs of convicted persons in felony matters. He suggested for Youth Court, rent payment for offices of youth probation officers and a portion of detention costs. And lastly, he suggested having the State pay for medical costs for injuries occurring when a person is taken into custody for a crime.

Commissioner Rokosch discussed the mental health issues the county is currently facing and the rising costs. Commissioner Grandstaff stated they should be included with the recent billing from Marcus Daly Hospital for review. George presented some additional suggestions from Civil Counsel Karen Mahar. He reviewed mental health, floodplain issues, unfunded mandates, subdivision

regulations and water regulations, and election laws on ballot issues such as who can hold two offices.

- Internal Auditor Klarryse Murphy discussed for tax levies taking three years of the previous CPI average and divide by two. Therefore, the County can never keep up on tax base and the State entitlement percentage should be raised to 20%. Commissioner Rokosch asked about the first measure on the division formula and what class of levy it affects. Klarryse replied it affects the aggregate levy and road levy.
- Road & Bridge Supervisor David Ohnstad suggested four different issues:
 - A basic understanding of speed limits on county highways to 50 mph on paved roads and 35 mph on un-surfaced/gravel roadways
 - In 2005, a bill for mitigation of levels of traffic generated by a particular development exceeding a reasonable threshold was submitted, but it did not get out of committee. David stated it is important to require the mitigation and maximum weight limits. With excessive demands, it leaves it open to the public to mitigate those thresholds.
 - The un-surfaced roads in the county raise the concern of dust abatement. There are people not participating in the program and they are receiving complaints of dust problems from DEQ for air quality issues. He suggested the development of a similar State program to assist local agencies and not have the responsibilities on the shoulders of the Road Department. He suggested having a program within DEQ.
 - In the DEQ process, he would like to see addition to the language, recognizing those aggregate sources and needing to be accepted and understood how critical they are for economic and structural sources.

Commissioner Rokosch added these are all additional unfunded mandates.

- Sheriff Chris Hoffman and Under Sheriff Kevin McConnell: Sheriff Hoffman stated George covered most of his concerns. He would like to see changes in public policy in the way taxes are paid into government and given back. Sheriff Hoffman further discussed people feeling they are paying enough taxes and those dollars need to come back. His concern is why are county entities taking blame for what are State issues. Commissioner Rokosch stated he has a problem with the State showing surpluses and hearing the comments they are living within their means while the local governments are not. Further discussion followed regarding the Governor's comments and the delegation. Commissioner Chilcott discussed the deputies' salaries being tied to the Sheriff's salary.

- Sheriff Hoffman discussed the “castle doctrine” bill reaffirming a citizen’s right to protect himself. He also discussed it includes a citizen being able to wave a gun without pointing and law enforcement only being able to hold a gun 72 hours that was used in a crime. He stated he is an advocate of the second amendment however; he is opposed to this bill. Commissioner Driscoll stated the Sheriff’s Office is trying to deal with the mental health issue and this is a big factor.
- Sheriff Hoffman suggested assessing a booking fee that is non-refundable.
- Sheriff Hoffman further discussed the rising cost of providing public service.
- Public Health Judy Griffin discussed proposed HB 0183. This is about sustainable health coverage. She requested support of this bill to raise the barriers.
- Environmental Health Director Lea Jordan suggested reviewing (licensing) establishment fees such as increasing the fees or having the entire program go to the State. She also discussed exempt wells and the issues with density in the proposed legislation. Commissioner Rokosch added there may be a bill for the clarification of the 511 processes for more explicit authority.
- Interim Planning Director Renee Lemon suggested increasing (doubling) the review period for larger subdivisions. She explained the need for the increase to 60 days. Commissioner Chilcott requested some supporting data for the increase. Further discussion followed regarding specific reviews supporting the timeframe requested.
- Renee discussed Transportation planning and how each county has to figure out how to collect mitigation.
- Renee discussed bike and pedestrian safety policy needed at a State level.
- Renee suggested not revamping the procedural process for subdivision review.
- 9-1-1 Director Joanna Hamilton discussed retirement for dispatchers after 20 years. She stated most dispatchers do not make it over 5 to 10 years due to burn out. The MPOA is introducing a bill for reducing the 20 years. Joanna discussed the high turnover rate due to stress.
- Treasurer JoAnne Johnson discussed a bill proposed for mill levies to be changed to 6 decimal points instead of 3. Each of the vendors would have to go in and change the software for the County costing thousands of taxpayer dollars. She recommended opposing this bill. She also mentioned no compensation for the DMV services provided by the County for the State other than county local option and now they are talking about taking it away. Commissioner Grandstaff requested JoAnne to calculate a figure for compensation of those services. Commissioner Chilcott stated there is revenue for the work being done but the

percentage needs to be discussed. JoAnne stated there isn't any county option for RVs. Further discussion followed regarding paying the State monthly and getting a return quarterly, therefore the County is losing interest as well.

- Clerk & Recorder Deputy Tena Miller suggested family transfers be done away with entirely due to evasions. She discussed the lack of roads and accesses not being provided by these transfers and the selling of gifted tracts. Discussion followed regarding politically acceptable methods for requesting mitigation of the impacts of these created lots by family transfers. Commissioner Rokosch suggested some kind of development review standards. Tena stated there is also a lot of work being done for the Department of Revenue at no cost. She also discussed DNRC billing for water rights in the past.
- John Meakin discussed impact fees and MCA needing to be updated. Most counties in the State do not have impacts fees due to the difficulty. Commissioner Grandstaff stated there is a resolution approved by MACo removing the five obstacles for impact fees. (Resolution 2008-21) John's concern is the tracking of paying of the fees and address changes. He requested legislation support the changes suggested from MACo.
- John discussed Community College funding will come up this legislative session. He requested showing support for the funding. He gave some background on the accredited classes that would be offered and community participation. Commissioner Rokosch stated the State has a responsibility for a portion of the funding.

Commissioner Rokosch requested Staff to summarize the suggestions and break them down by topic.